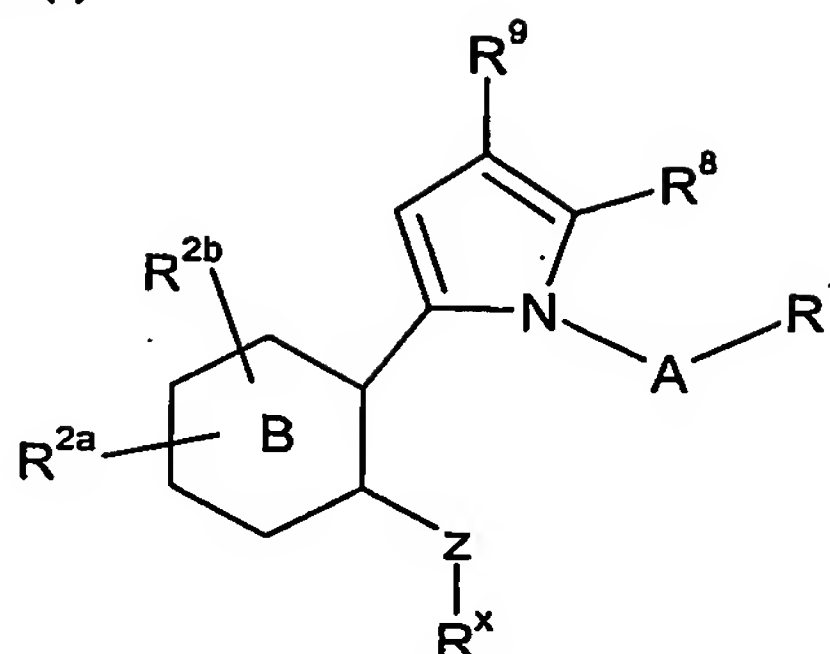


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I):



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- 5 A represents an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered heterocyclyl ring, or an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclyl group;
 B represents a phenyl or pyridyl ring;
 Z represents O, S, SO, or SO₂;
 R¹ represents CO₂R⁴, CN, CONR⁵R⁶, CH₂CO₂R⁴, OR⁴, optionally substituted alkyl,
 10 optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted SO₂alkyl, SO₂NR⁵R⁶, NR⁵CONR⁵R⁶, COalkyl, 2H-tetrazol-5-yl-methyl, optionally substituted bicyclic heterocycle or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;
 R^{2a} and R^{2b} each independently represents hydrogen, halogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, CN, SO₂alkyl, SR⁵, NO₂, optionally substituted aryl, CONR⁵R⁶
 15 or optionally substituted heteroaryl;
 R^x represents optionally substituted alkyl wherein 1 or 2 of the non-terminal carbon atoms are optionally replaced by a group independently selected from NR⁴, O and SO_n, wherein n is 0, 1 or 2: or R^x represents optionally substituted CQ^aQ^b-heterocyclyl, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^b-bicyclic heterocyclyl or optionally substituted CQ^aQ^b-aryl;
 20 R⁴ represents hydrogen or an optionally substituted alkyl;
 R⁵ represents hydrogen or an optionally substituted alkyl;
 R⁶ represents hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted SO₂aryl, optionally substituted SO₂alkyl, optionally substituted SO₂heteroaryl, CN, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^baryl, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^bheteroaryl or COR⁷;
 25 R⁷ represents hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl or optionally substituted aryl;
 R⁸ represents hydrogen, Cl, CF₃, or C₁₋₃alkyl;
 R⁹ represents halogen, hydrogen, CF₃, or C₁₋₃alkyl;
 30 Q^a and Q^b are each independently selected from hydrogen and CH₃;
 wherein when A is a 6-membered ring the R¹ substituent and pyrrole ring are attached to carbon atoms 1,2-, 1,3- or 1,4- relative to each other, and when A is a five-membered ring

or bicyclic heterocyclyl group the R¹ substituent and phenyl ring are attached to substitutable carbon atoms 1,2- or 1,3- relative to each other; and derivatives thereof.

- 5 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted pyridyl or optionally substituted isoquinoliny.
3. A compound according to claim 1 selected from the compounds of Examples 1 to 80 and derivatives thereof.
- 10 4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof together with a pharmaceutical carrier and/or excipient.
- 15 5. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for use as an active therapeutic substance.
- 20 6. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for use in the treatment of a condition which is mediated by the action of PGE₂ at EP₁ receptors.
- 25 7. A method of treating a human or animal subject suffering from a condition which is mediated by the action of PGE₂ at EP₁ receptors which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.
- 30 8. A method of treating a human or animal subject suffering from inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain or visceral pain which method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.
- 35 9. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a condition which is mediated by the action of PGE₂ at EP₁ receptors.
10. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a condition such as inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain or visceral pain.